(ix) Regulations have been framed and are being implemented under Hazardous Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1989 and Manufacture, Storage, Impact of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is implementing the recommendations of the High Powered Committee headed by Shri R. Rajamani.

Utilisation of Kurla Terminus

1512. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether full utilisation of Kurla Terminus is being made for the purpose of arrival and departure of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the Kurla Terminus will be put to full utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Utilisation and planning of terminals and train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Kurla Terminus which was set up for handling Mail/Express trains due to congestion in other Mumbai area terminals of Central Railway is being fully utilised for arrival/departure of trains as per present availability of connected infrastructural facilities. Seven pairs of daily and four pairs of non-daily trains are originating/terminating at Kurla Terminus.

Exploitation or Group-D employees in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1513. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the group 'D' employees of schools of Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan are being deputed as chowkidars and are being forced to work for an uninterrupted period of 14-18 hours a day, without payment of any overtime allowance; and

(b) if so, the details and justification, if any therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The duty hours of Group 'D' employees working as Chawkidar start after closing of the Vidyalayas and end the next day when the Vidyalayas reopen. No overtime is paid for performing their normal duty. However, they are entitled to get Over Time Allowance as admissible to Group 'D' employees, if they are put on duty on off days, National and other holidays admissible to them. Further, it has been recently decided to pay Rs. 100/- per month as night duty allowance to Group 'D' employees working as Chowkidar in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Operation black board programme in Andhra Pradesh

1514. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal for release of an additional amount of Rs. 90.95 crores for Operation Black Board Programme;

(b) if so, whether the said proposal is pending with Government since 1995;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay;

(d) the total amount provided to the State by Government for Operation Black Board Programme so far; and

(e) the likely amount to be provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No such proposal has been received by this Department.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government of Andhra Pradesh has been granted Central Assistance of Rs. 16420.30 Lakhs from 1987-88 to 1995-96 under Operation Blackboard Scheme.

(e) No proposal for release of funds to Andhra Pradesh under Operation blackboard is pending with the Department at present.